

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully cancels claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-17 and 19-47. The Examiner indicated that claims 4, 10 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 4, 10 and 18 have been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the claim set as provided herein overcomes all rejections and objections made by the Examiner in the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the amendments made herein do not add new matter and that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request favorable reconsideration. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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